

# 1966

## MINUTES

OF THE

### SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

Of The Original Free Will Baptists  
HELD WITH

PINE LEVEL  
AND  
NEW EBENEZER CHURCHES  
October 7-8, 1966

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### OFFICERS

Rev. W. L. Amerson, Moderator ..... Chester, Ga.  
Rev. Hoyt Findley, Ass't Moderator . 100 Elinor Cir., Warner Robins, Ga.  
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Donald Self, Assistant Clerk ..... Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.  
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### NEXT SESSION

The next Annual Session will convene with Wilson Chapel Church,  
Thomaston, Georgia, October 7, 1967.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESS**

W. H. Nobles, Pine Level ..... Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.  
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Ernest Smith, Eastman ..... 308 Pine St., Eastman, Ga.  
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Emmett Dunaway, Double Branch ..... Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.

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Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level (1967) ..... Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.  
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### **SUPERANNUATION BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESS**

Ernest J. Barker, Christian Hill ..... P. O. Box 245, Rochelle, Ga.  
T. B. Ethridge, Double Branch ..... Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.  
James Johnson, Beulah Spring ..... Rt. 4, Cochran, Ga.

### **EDUCATION BOARD—CHURCH AND ADDRESS**

Rev. Hoyt Findley, New Ebenezer .. 100 Elinor Cir., Warner Robins, Ga.  
Rev. W. L. Amerson, Pine Level ..... Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.  
Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Christian Hill ..... Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ga.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL AND ADDRESS**

Rev. W. L. Amerson ..... Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.  
Rev. Howard Faircloth ..... Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga.  
Rev. Joe F. Smith ..... Apt. 7-C, Harrell St. Homes, Eastman, Ga.

### **DIGEST COMMITTEE AND ADDRESS**

Alton Fleming ..... 432 Giles St., Macon, Ga.  
Edison Smith ..... Rt. 6, Eastman, Ga.  
Ross Bennett ..... Chester, Ga.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE AND ADDRESS**

Rev. Charles Clark, Chairman ..... 820 6th Ave., Eastman, Ga.  
Rev. Howard Faircloth ..... Rt. 2, Eastman, Ga.  
Rev. Larry Langford ..... Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7, 1967..... Quarterly Session of Association,  
Pleasant Hill Church

April 8, 1967 ..... Quarterly Session of Association,  
Warner Robins Mission

May, 13, 1967 ..... CTS Convention, Pine Level

July 3, 1967 ..... Quarterly Session of Association,  
White Oaks Church

July 30, 1967 ..... Sunday School Convention,  
Cochran Elementary School

October 7, 1967 ..... Annual Session, Wilson Chapel

## ORDER OF CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgements in matters of dealings.
6. Report of deacons.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Appointment of Committees.
12. Adjournment.

# PROCEEDINGS

The seventy first Annual Session of the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convened with Pine Level and New Ebenezer churches, October 7-8, 1966.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Called to order by the Clerk, who presented the Moderator, Rev. Charles Clark.

Song and prayer service.

Devotion by Bro. Joe Owens, who used I Cor. 1:2.

Motioned, seconded, and carried that the program be adopted, granting the Moderator authority to make any necessary changes.

Visitors welcomed by the Moderator.

Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Sherman Jones; Rev. Hoyt Findley and Rev. Marvin Hartsfield.

Moderator called for Church Letters to be furnished Digest Committee.

The following Committees were named: Sunday School, Cross Roads Church and Pastor. Church Training Service, White Oak Church and Pastor. Resolution, Christian Hill Church and Pastor; Education, Pine Level Church and Pastor; Masters Men, Pleasant Hill Church and Pastor; Ladies Auxiliary, Double Branch Church and Pastor; State of Churches and character of Ministers, Charles Strickland, Luther Register and T. B. Ethridge; Nominations, Rev. Hubert Henderson, Hollis Smith, N. C. Perry, Rev. Roscoe Pitts, P. C. Johnson, Elmer Leonard, Rev. H. D. Faircloth and Mrs. Fannie Peacock; Finance, John F. Cannon, Rev. Donald Moore and Rev. Larry Lankford.

Roll call of churches. All churches had representatives except two.

Moderator requested all delegates and deacons to stand.

Roll call of Ministers. Twelve were present.

Rev. Billy Livesay and Rev. Gerald Brown, pastors of Pine Level and Antioch Churches respectfully were introduced by the Moderator.

Visitors from other church bodies recognized and welcomed.

Moderator's Message; Acts 2.

Devotional by Rev. Billy Livesay, using Ezekiel 22:30-31.

Message by Rev. Manse Cason, using II Tim. 1:9-11 and I Cor. 9-16.

Benediction by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with song service conducted by Rev. Larry Lankford.

Devotional—Rev. Hubert Henderson. Psalms 143-10.

Moderator called for the following reports: Christian Education. Motion, seconded, and carried that the report be received. Resolution report. A partial report made, reading resolution number 2 and the proposed change to Article 6 of the Constitution. Motion, seconded, and carried that the two items be tabled until next day to be re-read and acted upon. Sunday School report read. Motion, seconded, and carried that the report be received. Ladies Auxiliary report read. Motion, seconded,

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and carried that report be received. Treasurer's report. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted. Masters Men report in partial. Final report to be made later. Motion, seconded that partial report be received.

Motion, seconded, and carried that we have 400 Minutes printed.

Motion, seconded, and carried that Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were as follows: Billy Register, Leno McDuffie and Lucy Payne. Ross Bennett, Alternate.

Report of Mission Board. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be received as information.

Report by Rev. Hubert Henderson, of the work at Warner Robins Mission.

Report of Mission Board treasurer. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted.

Report of State Promotional Secretary and presentation of certificates.

Report of Digest Committee. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted.

An additional resolution was read. Motion, seconded, and carried that the resolution be tabled until following day.

Partial report of Ordaining Council. Motion, seconded, and carried that the partial report be adopted.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. Saturday. Benediction by Rev. Charles Clark.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. Larry Langford. Prayer by Rev. Richard McFadden.

Words of Welcome by the Moderator.

Moderator presented Rev. Paul Ketteman, Director of Public Relations at the Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee, who then introduced the girl trio from the Bible College. Special Music was rendered by them.

Devotional by Rev. Paul Ketteman, using Amos 8:11-12 and Amos 6:1-3. Prayer by Brother Henry Noble.

Letter from Little Bethel Church was presented. Motion, seconded, and carried that information from the letter be incorporated into Digest Committee report by the Clerk.

Motion, seconded, and carried that resolution No. 2 and proposed change in the Constitution be removed from the table, re-read and acted upon. Motion, seconded, and carried that the resolution and proposed change in the Constitution be adopted.

Motion, seconded, and carried to remove from the table resolution concerning items to appear in the Minutes. Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Motion, seconded, and carried that we send \$60.00 for State and National dues, \$25.00 for State and \$35.00 for National.

Reports on Masters Men. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted and a committee appointed for the purpose of helping establish Masters Men in all churches that do not have them. The Committee named was as follows: John F. Cannon, Walter Hunt, Arthur Thompson, Man



Collins and Edison Smith.

Final report of Resolution Committee. Motion, seconded, and carried to the report. Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt the report including all resolutions therein.

Motion, seconded, and carried that the Annual Session take its regular place in the rotation plan.

Special music by the College trio, after which each one gave their testimonies.

Message by Rev. Paul Ketteman, using Job 19:25-27. Four great evils were named: Atheism, Materialism, Immorality, and Alcoholism.

An offering of \$32.00 was received for the Bible College.

Benediction by Rev. Arthur Warren.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song service. Prayer by Joe Owens.

Report of Committee on State of Churches and character of Ministers. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted.

It was decided that Pine Level and New Ebenezer churches be exempted from next two sessions since they have entertained the Annual Session.

Report on Bible College was given by Rev. Paul Ketteman. Each member of the trio gave a report of the daily school activity.

Report of Finance Committee. Motion, seconded, and carried that the report be adopted.

Final report of Ordaining Council. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee. Motion, seconded, and carried that report be received. Moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion, seconded, and carried that nominations cease and that we elect by acclamation.

Report of Mission Board, Bro. Sherman Jones.

Motion, seconded, and carried that outgoing officers be given a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for their work during the past year.

Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Charles Clark.

REV. CHARLES CLARK, Moderator  
ERNEST J. BARKER, Clerk

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder E. B. Duckworth	Dunbar Rd. Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony	Phone MI 7-3885, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Hoyt Findley	100 Elinor Cir., Ph. WA 2-5601 Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Howard Faircloth	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Joe Frank Smith	Eastman, Ga.
Elder Charles Clark	320 6th Ave., Eastman, Ga.
Elder W. L. Amerson	Chester, Ga.
Elder Nick G. Rozier	Chester, Ga.
Elder J. R. Davidson	Ph. 268-8746, Route, Vienna, Ga.
Elder Eugene F. Ross	Ph. WE 4-2795, Route, Cochran, Ga.
Elder Spurgeon Jones	Rt. 3, Eastman, Ga.

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Elder Russell Horne .....	2840 Houston Ave., Macon, Ga.
Elder Elbert Powell .....	Chester, Ga.
Elder N. R. Sullivan .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Elder E. L. Hewett .....	Rte. 1, Box 533, Thomaston, Ga.
Elder Emmett McDuffie .....	Rochelle, Ga.
Elder James Potter .....	Lake Shore Dr., Macon, Ga.
Elder E. D. Franks .....	Columbus, Ga.
Elder Arthur Warren .....	Jessup St., Cochran, Ga.
Elder Hubert Henderson .....	230 Brady Dr., Warner Robins, Ga.
Elder Roscoe Pitts .....	Thomaston, Ga.
Rev. Gerald Brown .....	Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Rev. James R. Stroup .....	Macon, Ga.
Rev. Donald Moore .....	4040 Lafayette Dr, Macon, Ga
Rev. Marvin Hartsfield .....	Rt. 2, Norman Park, Ga.
Rev. Richard McFadden .....	1670 Rose St., Macon, Ga.
Rev. Billy Livesay .....	Rt. 1, Chester, Ga.

## LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Mickey Sangster .....	Unadilla, Ga.
Rev. Earl Douglas Byrd .....	Rte. 1, Lizella, Ga.
Rev. Charlie Knott .....	Rte. 1, Cordele, Ga.
Rev. M. J. Haynes .....	Rte. 3, Cochran, Ga.
Rev. Joe Owens .....	Oakfield, Ga.

## REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

We, your Digest Committee, submit the following as our report: We commend the churches for their good response to a giving ministry. All churches except two—, fourteen—have prayer meetings, all have Sunday Schools, eleven have C. T. S., five have Master Mens and eight have Woman's Auxiliary.

Total Membership .....	1218
Members received .....	120
Members dismissed .....	56
Sunday School enrollment .....	634
C. T. S. enrollment .....	448
Woman's Auxiliary .....	87
Master's Men .....	45
Prayer Meeting .....	244
Paid pastors .....	\$19,629.14
Evangelistic Work .....	2446.40
Building and repairs .....	31,095.36
Literature .....	3,039.58
Other Causes .....	4,234.40
Cooperative plan .....	2,136.68
State Missions .....	182.25
Youth Camp .....	137.32
Children's Home .....	121.26
Other .....	24.00
State Superannuation .....	46.09

**NATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Home Missions .....	\$ 218.12
Foreign Missions .....	52.50
Bible College .....	56.00
Superannuation .....	45.86
Other .....	142.00
Total expenditures .....	\$ 60,494.02
Value of Church property .....	176,100.00
Value of parsonage property .....	20,000.00
Total for Minutes .....	233.50

SHERMAN JONES, Chairman

**REPORT OF MISSION BOARD TREASURER**

Total brought forward .....	\$1184.15
Received during year .....	576.88
Expenditures .....	1060.00
Balance in treasury .....	701.03

DONALD SELF, Treasurer

**REPORT OF ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER**

Total receipts .....	\$674.74
Expendures have been as follows:	
Moderator .....	35.00
Clerk .....	45.00
Georgia Union Mission Board .....	68.25
Unified Program .....	306.49
State Association fee .....	20.00
Minutes and postage .....	112.00
Balance .....	88.00

JOHN F. CANNON, Treasurer

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

We, your Committee, find that the church letters indicate there are only six churches that have Auxiliaries with a membership of 58.

The District Convention was held at Pine Level Church on September 17 with the following churches representing: First, Eastman; Double Branch; Liberty Chapel and Pine Level.

We feel that all churches should have an Auxiliary and each member should work harder to carry the gospel and witness to a lost and dying world.

DOUBLE BRANCH CHURCH AND PASTOR

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Education is one of the greatest needs of the church today. In the development of our Lord's cause, we recommend that the people as well as the pastors in our local churches take advantage of every means to promote the gospel of Christ. We further urge those who are able to do so to take advantage of the study courses that are being sponsored by



CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTOR & ADDRESSES	Meeting Days	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Unified Program	Literature	Building & Repairs	Evangelistic Work	Paid Pastor	Associational Fee	Total Expenditures
Antioch .....	P. C. Johnson, Rt. 2, Pits, Ga. .	Gerald Brown, Rt. 1, Cordele ...	1-3	.	.	19	\$	\$ 25.13	\$ 221.13	\$ 72.44	\$ 98.51	\$ 5.00	\$
Bay Springs .....	Gerald Smith, 215 Jesup St. .... Eastman, Ga.	Howard Faircloth, Rt. 2 ..... Eastman, Ga.	all	3	3	66	60.00	125.11	73.71	200.00	1032.00	15.00	1,735.44
Bethlehem .....	Eugene Brown, Rt. 1, Cordele, Ga.	Elbert Powell, Rt. 1 ..... Chester, Ga.	1-3		1	48		75.00	24.78	150.00	421.98	12.00	982.42
Beulah Springs .....	Johnnie Johnson, Rt. 4, ..... Cochran, Ga.	Donald Moore 4040 Lafayette Dr Macon, Ga.	all			22		50.53	42.07	125.00	334.10	5.00	756.22
Christian Hill .....	Ernest J. Barker, P. O. Box 245,.. Rochelle, Ga.	Emmett McDuffie Rt. 2, ..... Rochelle, Ga.	all	3	1	147	185.00	192.07	331.94	147.46	2329.42	25.00	3,570.27
Double Branch .....	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway, Rt. 1, ..... Unadilla, Ga.	Marvin Hartsfield, Rt. 2 ..... Norman Park, Ga.	all	5	4	110	291.65	237.83		216.00	2209.60	20.00	3,616.91
Eastman, First .....	Hudson Smith, Rt. 4, ..... Eastman, Ga.	Charles Clark, 820 6th Ave. .... Eastman, Ga.	all	8		42	296.60	193.83	20,807.84	275.00	1560.00		27,087.76
Liberty Chapel .....	Caroline Sangster 808 Mulberry St Macon, Ga.	Richard McFadden, 1070 Rose St. Macon, Ga.	all	11	9	74	20.00	275.27	4,731.56	205.00	1030.00	15.00	7,262.43
Little Bethel .....	E. E. Parker, Rt. 1, Dudley, Ga..	Arthur Warren, Jesup St. .... Cochran, Ga.	all	4	4	102	179.82	129.00		125.00	1110.00	20.00	1,628.82
Mt. Ararat .....	Mrs. Acie Sheffield, Rt. 3, ..... Eastman, Ga.	Eugene Ross, Rt. 3 ..... Cochran, Ga.	2-4	7	6	24		49.35	478.16	60.00	227.00	7.50	914.49
New Ebenezer .....	Mrs. John F. Ross, Rt. 3, ..... Cochran, Ga.	Hoyt Findley, 100 Elinor Cir. .... Warner Robins, Ga.	all	3		57	60.00	298.61	386.99	295.00	1280.00	15.00	2,988.15
Pine Level .....	Luther F. Register, Rt. 1, ..... Chester, Ga.	Billy Livesay, Rt. 1 ..... Chester, Ga.	all	11	5	106		554.68	1,142.60	200.00	2650.00	20.00	5,883.70
Pleasant Hill .....	Viola Hunt, 713 13 Ave., Cordele..	J. R. Davidson, Rt. .... Vienna, Ga.	all	1	4	145	153.97	156.14	1,117.50	175.00	2680.00	15.00	4,739.52
Warner Robins Mission	Martha Brown, 117 E. Waverly .. Way, Warner Robins, Ga.....	Hubert Henderson, 230 Brady Dr. Warner Robins, Ga. ....	all	16	4	26	140.29	66.85	1,519.11			10.00	2,170.32
White Oaks .....	Ernestine Collins ..... 2577 Pine Ave. Macon, Ga....	Russell Horne, 2840 Houston Ave .. Macon, Ga.	all	42	13	184	253.75	419.50		100.00	2725.00	25.00	
Wilson Chapel .....	Clara Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 12, ... Thomaston,, Ga.	L. S. Anthony, Rt. 3 ..... Thomaston, Ga.	all	4		32	46.33	190.71	62.54	100.50	41.35	12.00	703.52

our State Board of Christian Education. Those who are made responsible for the direction of associational plans should set up christian work beneficial to every worker in general. Every person affiliated with our churches should feel the responsibility for prayer and financial support to the cause we are working for in the field of Christian Education.

#### PINE LEVEL CHURCH AND PASTOR

#### REPORT OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD

We, your Mission Board would like to make this as our report.

The Board has had four regular meetings and one special called meeting. All members have been faithful to attend these meetings.

Our work continues with the Warner Robins Mission. A barrack has been purchased by the Mission and remodeled. A second mortgage against land was given by Board to acquire barracks.

The State Mission Board has continued supporting the Mission with \$200.00 a month. We are grateful for the support of the State Board and Bro. Henderson for the work that has been done for the Mission.

We, the Board, thank God for all support and co-operation. We ask that all churches of the Association support us with your prayers, and that each church increase their systematic plan of giving that we may do a greater work on the Home Mission field.

SHERMAN JONES, Chairman

#### RESOLUTION

After receiving the 1965 minutes, reading and studying them, and then realizing that we do not have our Church Covenant in them, neither do we have any by-laws, nor the rules for licensing and ordaining ministers, we do not have a constitution to govern this body by. After prayer and asking divine leadership from God, we wish to place this resolution before the body.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following items be printed in our minutes:

1. The Church Covenant.
2. The Church Regulations and Order of Business.
3. The Rules of License and Ordain Ministers.
4. The Constitution.

Realizing that some of these items can be found in our National Treaties, but also knowing that a lot of our people do not have a National Treaties, and believing that our Association is well able to afford the expense of printing our minutes, that this would be the best way to keep our people informed of what happens at the Associational Meetings.

REV. HOWARD D. FAIRCLOTH

BRO. EDISON SMITH

REV. LARRY LANGFORD

REV. JOE F. SMITH

REV. W. L. AMERSON

### REPORT ON MASTER'S MEN

It is with regret that we acknowledge the fact that we have only 5 chapters organized with an average membership of 9, giving a total of 45. Our impression is that these are not strong organizations, and maybe the returns in fruits are the minimum rather than the maximum. We carry a feeling that much constructive work could be done were we to drive for organizations in each church.

Now, should it be deemed by this body as a worthy move we would like to suggest that a special committee be designated from the churches which now have organizations, one man from each church, to work on a plan to get organizations in all churches where it is possible, and to work at creating an enthusiasm in the work.

### PLEASANT HILL CHURCH AND PASTOR

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, recommend Rev. Donald Moore be ordained and sent out to preach the gospel.

It is recommended that Rev. Richard McFadden be accepted as an ordained minister and welcomed into our Association. It is also recommended that Bro. Joe Owens be licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

We find Rev. Billy Livesay sound in the faith. He is accepted by this Council pending a letter of recommendation from the South Georgia Association.

REV. JOE F. SMITH

REV. W. L. AMERSON

REV. HOWARD FAIRCLOTH

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, make the following report:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 83.00
Received from churches this session	263.50
Total	\$351.50

JOHN F. CANNON, Chairman

### REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES & CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We, your Committee, offer the following report: Reports reaching the ears of this committee seems to justify a report that our churches are in proper fellowship, and for the most part, our ministers are in regular order.

The minister, a member of Pine Level Church, in question at the 1965 session, having been placed on an inactive list, it is recommended that they drop his name from their ministerial listing.

We recommend that each church encourage all ministers on their roll to attend and support all Associational activities.

We are glad to report that the Matter of the Brother Minister in question at Double Branch church has been handled in a satisfactory method.



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We, your Committee, recommend that the matter at Antioch church be referred to the next quarterly session of the association since we were unable to contact any of the members.

CHARLES STRICKLAND, Chairman

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, offer the following nominees for officers, board members and committees:

Moderator	Rev. W. L. Amerson
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Hoyt Findley
Clerk	Sherman Jones
Assistant Clerk	Donald Self
Treasurer	John F. Cannon
Assistant Treasurer	Rose Cannon
Executive Board	Emmett Dunaway
Mission Board	Ernest J. Barker, Hollis Smith and Sherman Jones
Superannuation Board	James Johnson
Education Board	Rev. Emmett McDuffie
Ordaining Council	Rev. Joe F. Smith
Program Committee	Rev. Charles Clark, Chrm., Rev. Howard Faircloth and Rev. Larry Langford
Digest Committee	Edison Smith, Ross Bennett and Alton Fleming

We recommend that all churches send their church letter to the clerk 20 days prior to the association, keeping the associational fee and bring it to the association.

REV. HUBERT HENDERSON, Chairman

## REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your resolution committee, wish to make the following report:

1. Whereas several numbers of this body from the various churches have deceased since last session, and we do not have an obituary committee, be it

RESOLVED, that we stand for one minute in silent prayer in Memory of these.

2. Whereas this body convenes quarterly, having additional time for the transaction of business, be it

RESOLVED, that this body give consideration to convening only one day (Saturday) for the annual session.

3. Be it

RESOLVED, that the Moderator be paid \$10.00 and the clerk \$15.00 for services rendered at each session.

4. Be it

RESOLVED, that our pastors and other church leaders exercise a more concerted effort to raise our quota for the state cooperative plan.

5. Be it

RESOLVED, that this body select as members to the standing boards



and committees only those persons who show an active interest in our promotional work and have a desire to promote our denomination.

6. Whereas a new Church was recently established, another is in the process and other areas have been discussed for the establishment of churches, the prayers, moral support and financial help of every one is very urgent, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our people become more concerned about this matter to the extent that we ask God to direct our giving to the local mission board and then abide by this directive.

7 Be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend to Pine Level and New Ebenezer church and community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality during this session.

CHRISTIAN HILL CHURCH AND PASTOR

#### ARTICLE 6 BE CHANGED TO READ

The sessions of this association shall be held on Saturday before second Sunday in October, January, May, and July at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this association is composed, to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standings, prospects, and statistics at which time the association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination as in its judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of this association.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, wish to make the following report: We believe that the key to better Sunday Schools is better trained teachers, officers and more teaching time. We offer the following suggestions:

Better equipped teachers, how? Extra study, extra literature and other available helps.

Sunday School Clinics—obtain all available help and instructions possible for use in these clinics.

Extra Teaching Time—how? No preliminaries and schedule 45 to 50 minutes for teaching.

We suggest that our pastors and superintendents visit each class, to offer assistance and to evaluate their programs.

Let us not forget that the Apostle Paul charged us "to study to show ourselves approved." Certainly this includes each of us and not just the young people.

NEW EBENEZER CHURCH AND PASTOR

## BASIS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL FEE

Membership	Fee
1— 25 .....	\$ 5.00
26— 50 .....	12.00
51—100 .....	15.00
101—125 .....	20.00
125 and above .....	25.00

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.

2. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.

3. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are:  
 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.  
 2. Faith of the unswerving committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and

take the water of life freely.

12. **PERSERVERANCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life, have promised of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES**—Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Mattt. 23-23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things and to abstain from appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for conferences; public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness; and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and so far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it



is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises; the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools; and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### BY-LAWS

Article 1. Annual conference shall be annually held.

Article 2. Every Elder, Minister, Deacon and Board member in good standing and delegates shall duly attend.

Article 3. If any member in the judgment of the conference shall show anger in his discussion on any subject shall forfeit his seat in the conference.

Article 4. No member of the annual conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Article 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to the conference.

Article 7. The officers and standing committee shall be entitled to seats in annual conference.

Article 8. No Elder, Minister, Deacon, Board Member or delegate shall, during the setting of the annual conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

Article 9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and Praise of God.

Article 10. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Article 11. The Moderator shall read or have read the by-laws and the church covenant at the opening of business session annually.

Article 12. All church clerks shall furnish moderator a list of delegates 15 days prior to convening of each annual session.

#### RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

Revised 1960

1. Applicant shall bear license for not less than one (1) year and shall be recommended to the quarterly conference or association by the church of which he is a member.

2. Be called to one (1) or more churches, except that evidence be shown whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.



3. Applicant shall be examined by the ordaining council, who having been duly elected by the association to which they hold membership. Examination shall be held at the Quarterly meeting or the annual association while in session.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments. Measure up to the Standards of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adopted by this body.

5. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting, for a change, by the Georgia Union Association. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

### **RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS**

**Revised 1960**

1. Applicant must be a member of church recommending him, and if applicant is coming from another denomination or association, he shall be a member of church recommending him for not less than three (3) months from date receiving letter stating he is in good standing with church, denomination and association he is leaving.

2. Applicant shall be examined and asked the following questions at the quarterly meeting or annual association while in session, by the ordaining council duly elected by the association.

Q. 1 Do you believe and accept the Old and New Testaments as inspired word of God?

Q. 2. Do you believe in baptism by immersion in water?

Q. 3. Do you believe the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints feet?

Q. 4. Do you believe in tithing and offerings as given in the inspired word of God?

Q. 5. Do you believe in the sale of intoxicating beverages?

3. Approved license shall carry the names of the Pastor and Clerk of the church issuing the license.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testament, measure up to standards of the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant of which have been adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or she has more than one living husband or wife.

6. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at a regular session of the Georgia Union Association.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Meeting or Association shall be called the Georgia Union Association and shall be composed of such regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The conference of this body or association shall consist of ministers, deacons, board members in good standing and delegates from the several churches of which it is composed, all of whom shall have voting power. Every church with 50 members or less shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, and churches with more than 50 members shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, plus two (2) for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and program committee, consisting of three, who shall be chosen at the close of the annual session, whose term of office shall begin immediately following adjournment of each annual session.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Church conforming to the practice and adopting the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith and in the Minutes of the National Association and one in favor of all benevolent enterprise of the denomination may at any time on application by two-thirds vote of this body become a member thereof.

Article 5. This association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly work, if labor proves unsuccessful but in NO case to reverse their decision NOR interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, July and October at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this association is composed, to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standings, prospects, and statistics, at which time the association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination as in its judgements may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of this association.

Article 7. This association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-aws, not consistant with this constitution, which may be deemed essental to the further regulation of its session.

Article 8. This constitution shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read in open session during the first day, then lie on the table until second day, read for second time in open session prior to being considered.